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PRODUCTION OF COTTON AND OTHER ITEMS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of cotton, silk, wool and jute production in the country during the last three years;

(b) the quantity of export/import of the above items during the last three years and the employment potential through these products; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the production and export of the above products?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) The total quantity of cotton, silk, wool and jute production in the country during the last three years is as under :

YEAR	COTTON(Quantity in Million Bales of 170 Kg. each)	SILK(Quantity in Tonnes)	WOOL(Quantity in Million Kg.)	JUTE(Quantity in 000 Bales of 170 Kg.)
2001-02	15.80	17351.00	50.70(A)	11641.00
2002-03	13.60	16319.00	52.10(P)	11336.00
2003-04	17.70(P)	15742.00(P)	53.60(P)	10985.00(E)

#P-Provisional, #A-Anticipatory,#E-Estimated

(b) The quantity of the Export/Import during the last three years is as under. These sectors have a great employment potential as they provide gainful employment to a substantial segment of population concentrated in rural and semi-urban areas.

YEAR	COTTON(Quantity in Tonnes)		SILK(Quantity in Tonnes)		WOOL(Quantity in Tonnes)		JUTE(Quantity in Tonnes)	
	EXPORT	IMPORT	EXPORT	IMPORT	EXPORT	IMPORT	EXPORT	IMPORT
2001-02	8227.02	387036.40	1638.83	6927.99	922.00	81342.75	Nil	58683.00
2002-03	11832.95	233859.32	974.71	9240.13	2919.91	82174.30	Nil	133787.00
2003-04	179603.72	251673.60	357.83	9542.67	2598.07	92588.12	Nil	107642.00

(c) The Government has initiated the following important measures to boost the production of these fibres and export of products manufactured from them:

(i) The Ministry of Agriculture executes schemes relating to Research and Development(R&D) and agronomics practices to increase quality and productivity of jute and cotton fibres;

(ii) The Cotton Technology Mission had been launched under with Mini Missions I & II aims at improving the productivity and quality of cotton and Mini Missions III & IV aims at improving marketing infrastructure and modernisation of ginning and pressing factories;

(iii) The Planning Commission has given in principle approval for implementation of Jute Technology Mission under which Mini Mission I & II relates to improvement of jute agriculture;

(iv) The Central Wool Development Board is implementing Integrated Wool Development Programme(IWIP) for improvement of wool fibre and processing of wool;

(v) The Central Silk Board is implementing Research and Development(R&D) programmes for increasing the productivity in sericulture sector;

(vi) Rationalisation of the fiscal duty structure;

(vii) Launching of the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the sector, Rs. 435 crore has been allocated for 2005-06;

(viii) In 2004-05 Budget, the entire textile sector, except for man-made fibre and filament yarn, was provided optional exemption from excise duty, and Central Value-aided Tax (CENVAT) on Polyester Filament Yarn has been reduced from 24% to 16%, which aims at attracting more investments for modernization of the textile sector;

(ix) To facilitate import of state of the art machinery, the customs duty on specified textile machinery was brought down to 10% in Budget 2005-06;

(x) De-reservation of the woven segment of readymade garments from the SSI sector. Further de-reservation of 30 items of knitting and knitwear from the SSI has also been done;

(xi) A centrally sponsored scheme titled "Apparel Park for Export Scheme" has been launched for imparting a focused thrust for setting up of apparel manufacturing units of international standards at potential growth centres and to give a fillip to exports; and

(xii) For upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centers, a scheme titled 'Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme" (TCIDS) under implementation.